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The story so far...

Upon the orders of Mazutsu, Executive Assistant Rose attempted to ambush the skilled assassin Lotus while she slept at her mansion hideaway in Alwar, India. After a bloody fight for survival ensued, Rose was stunned by the arrival of Lily, Orchid and Aster, who came to the aid of Lotus. Yet, even with the help, Rose was able to use less than honorable tactics in order to get the upper hand. However, her fortune quickly changed when her old nemesis Iris returned to put a stop to the fighting-- by gunpoint...

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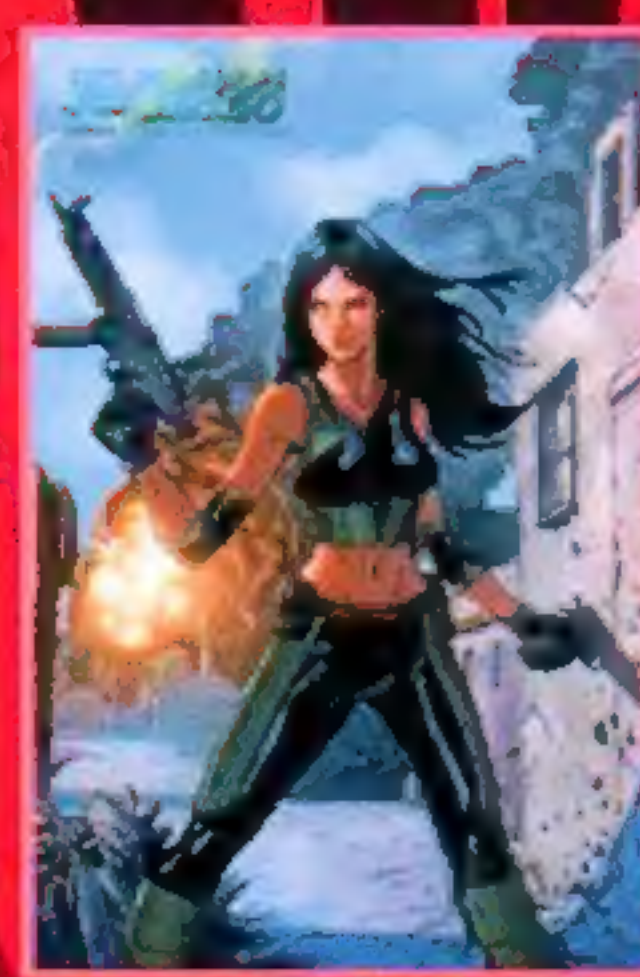
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ROSE,
YOU HAVE
ONE SECOND
TO GET OFF
OF HER.

IRIS...
OF COURSE.
NATURALLY.

YOU HAVE
SUCH A KNACK
FOR DRAMATIC
ARRIVALS.



I THOUGHT YOU
HAD GIVEN UP THIS
FOOLISH VENDETTA
AFTER WHAT WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH.

OR AT THE
VERY LEAST GIVEN UP
TRYING TO KILL THE **ONLY**
ALLIES YOU COULD
POSSIBLY HAVE.

A BUNCH OF
ASSASSINS WITH
BAGGAGE? YOU CALL
YOURSELVES MY ALLIES?
GET REAL, IRIS. WE PLAY FOR
KEEPS IN THIS BUSINESS. YOU
SHOULD KNOW THAT BETTER
THAN ANYONE. OR HAVE YOU
TOLD ALL OF **THEM** EXACTLY
WHO IT IS **YOU** WORK FOR?
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR
FRIENDSHIP ANYMORE.
NOT WITH OUR
KIND.



I WORK FOR
THE HIGHEST
BIDDER, PLAIN
AND SIMPLE.



WHO-- MAZUTSU?!
IS THAT WHY YOU TRIED
TO KILL LOTUS AND ALL
OF US? ARE WE NEXT ON
YOUR LIST, YOU F*CKING
BITCH?!

EASY,
LILY.

OH, PLEASE. THE
POSTER CHILD FOR
SALVATION SPEAKS
UP. DON'T LECTURE ME,
LILY. HE'S GIVEN ME A
NEW LIFE AGAIN.
PURPOSE.

DO YOU EVEN
KNOW WHAT THAT
WORD MEANS?



IF IT MEANS
TAKING OUT SOME
OF THE GARBAGE FROM
MY PAST LIFE-- THEN
SO BE IT!

AND I
THOUGHT
I WAS A
BITCH.

DIFFERENT
DEGREES.



WELL, YOU'RE ONE PIECE OF TRASH THAT'S NOT LEAVING ON YOUR OWN ACCORD.

LET'S TAKE HER INSIDE.



SO, I'M A HOSTAGE NOW?

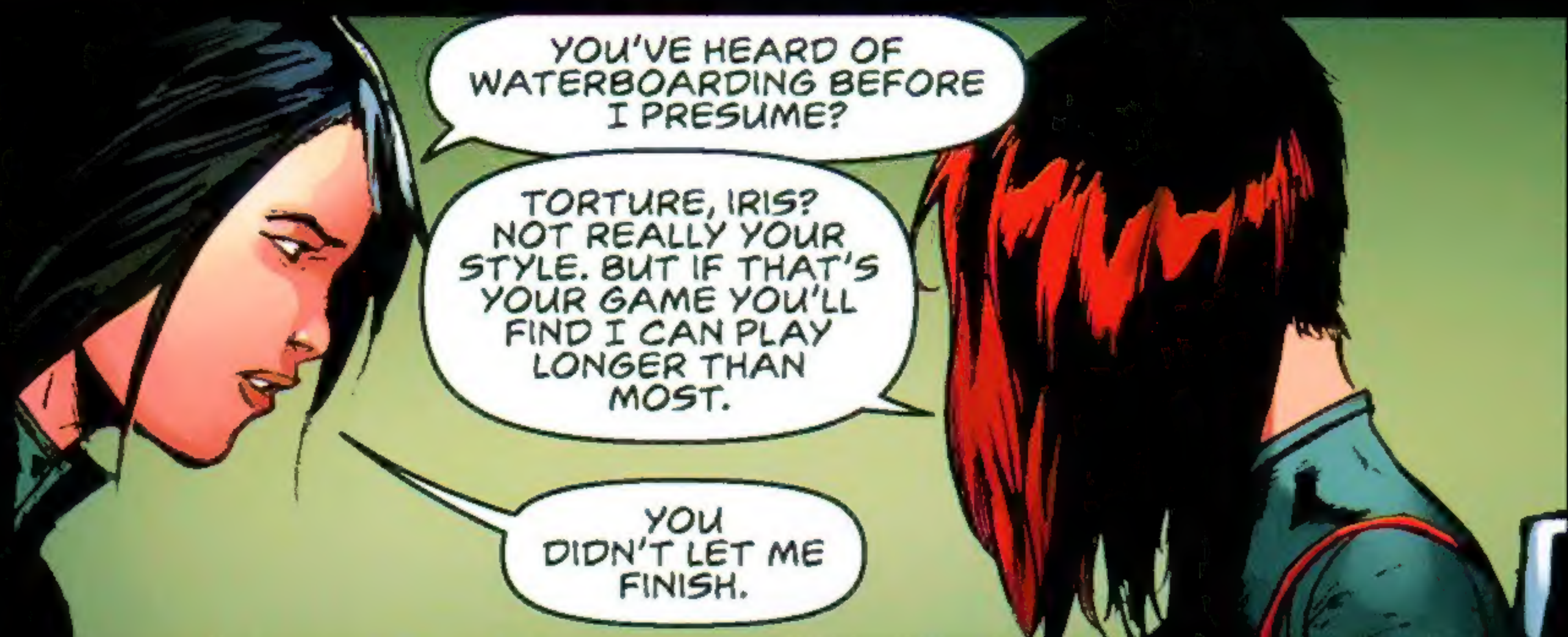
ROSE, "HOSTAGE" IS SUCH A... POLITICALLY INCORRECT TERM. MY CURRENT EMPLOYER WOULD CALL YOU OUR GUEST.

AS A MATTER OF FACT, PLEASE ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE VARIOUS FORMS OF HOSPITALITY I'VE RECENTLY LEARNED. IT'S AMAZING WHAT TRICKS THEY'VE COME UP WITH.



I'M SURE SHE KNOWS PLENTY ABOUT TRICKS.

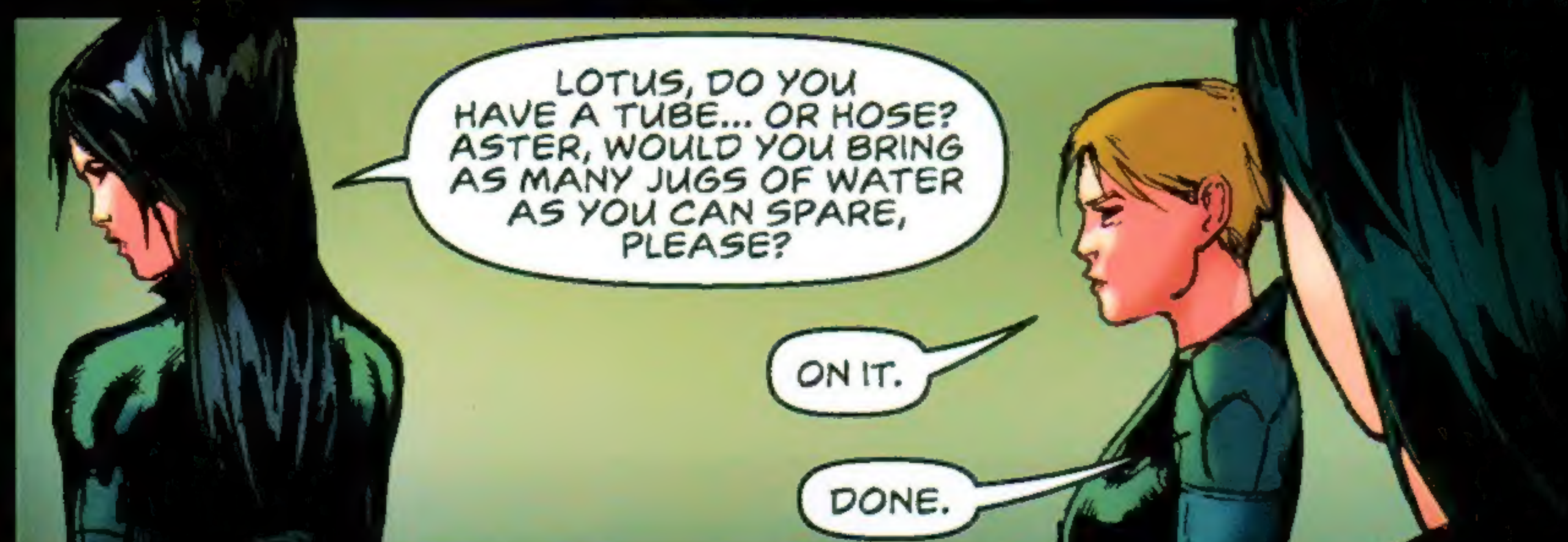
NOW, NOW.



YOU'VE HEARD OF WATERBOARDING BEFORE I PRESUME?

TORTURE, IRIS? NOT REALLY YOUR STYLE. BUT IF THAT'S YOUR GAME YOU'LL FIND I CAN PLAY LONGER THAN MOST.

YOU DIDN'T LET ME FINISH.



LOTUS, DO YOU HAVE A TUBE... OR HOSE? ASTER, WOULD YOU BRING AS MANY JUGS OF WATER AS YOU CAN SPARE, PLEASE?

ON IT.

DONE.



WHAT I HAVE IN MIND IS MUCH WORSE.

IRIS...

YOU'RE RIGHT.
WATERBOARDING IS
NO FUN FOR ANYONE.
IT ALSO MAKES A
HUGE MESS...

...NO... I PREFER TO KEEP
THE MESS MORE... CONTAINED.
DID YOU KNOW THERE'S SUCH A
THING AS WATER INTOXICATION?
FORCED INGESTION OVER TIME
EVENTUALLY LEADS TO INTENSE
BRAIN SWELLING, SEIZURES
AND... EVENTUALLY...
DEATH.

IRIS--
COME
ON.

TELL US
WHERE AND HOW
WE CAN GET TO
MAZUTSU.

YOU DON'T
WANT TO DO
THIS.

OF COURSE
I DON'T. BUT, I WILL.
HE'S *THAT* IMPORTANT
TO US. THE MAN NEEDS
TO GO AWAY. PLUS, I
CAN'T STAND TO SEE
MY FRIENDS HURT,
EITHER.

I'VE NEVER
HAD A FRIEND
BEFORE.

IT'S
OVERRATED.

TOTALLY.

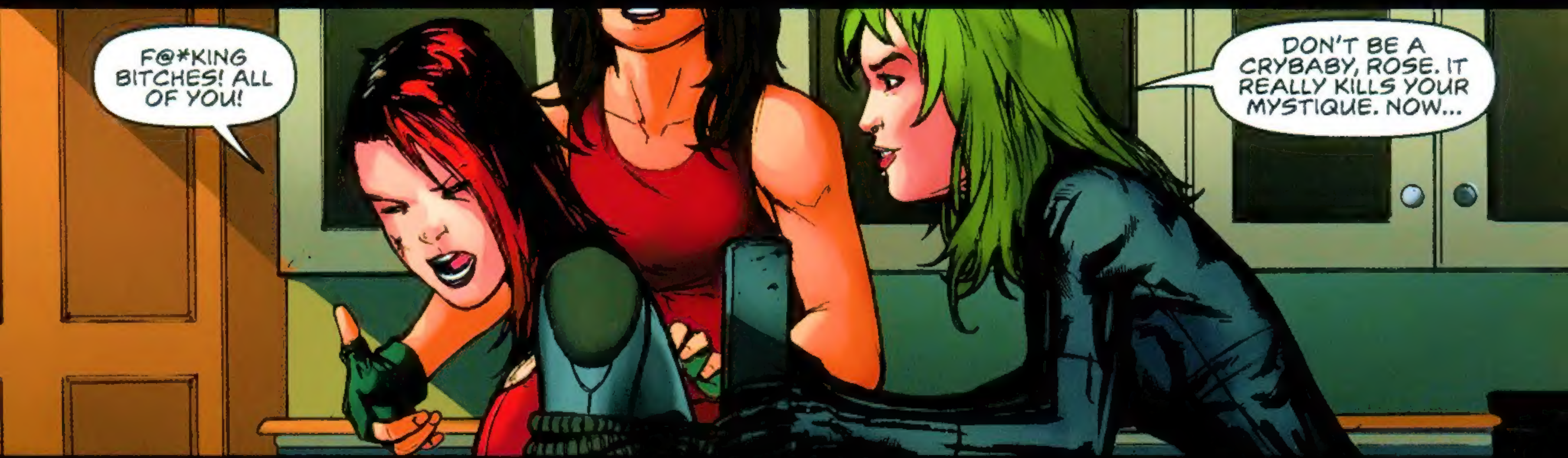
DON'T
MAKE ME DO
THIS, ROSE.



DO WHAT YOU MUST. MAZUTSU WOULD HAVE ME KILLED IF I GAVE IN, REGARDLESS. MY LIFE ENDED A LONG TIME AGO.



LOTUS, THE FIRST JUG OF WATER, PLEASE. HOLD HER TIGHT.

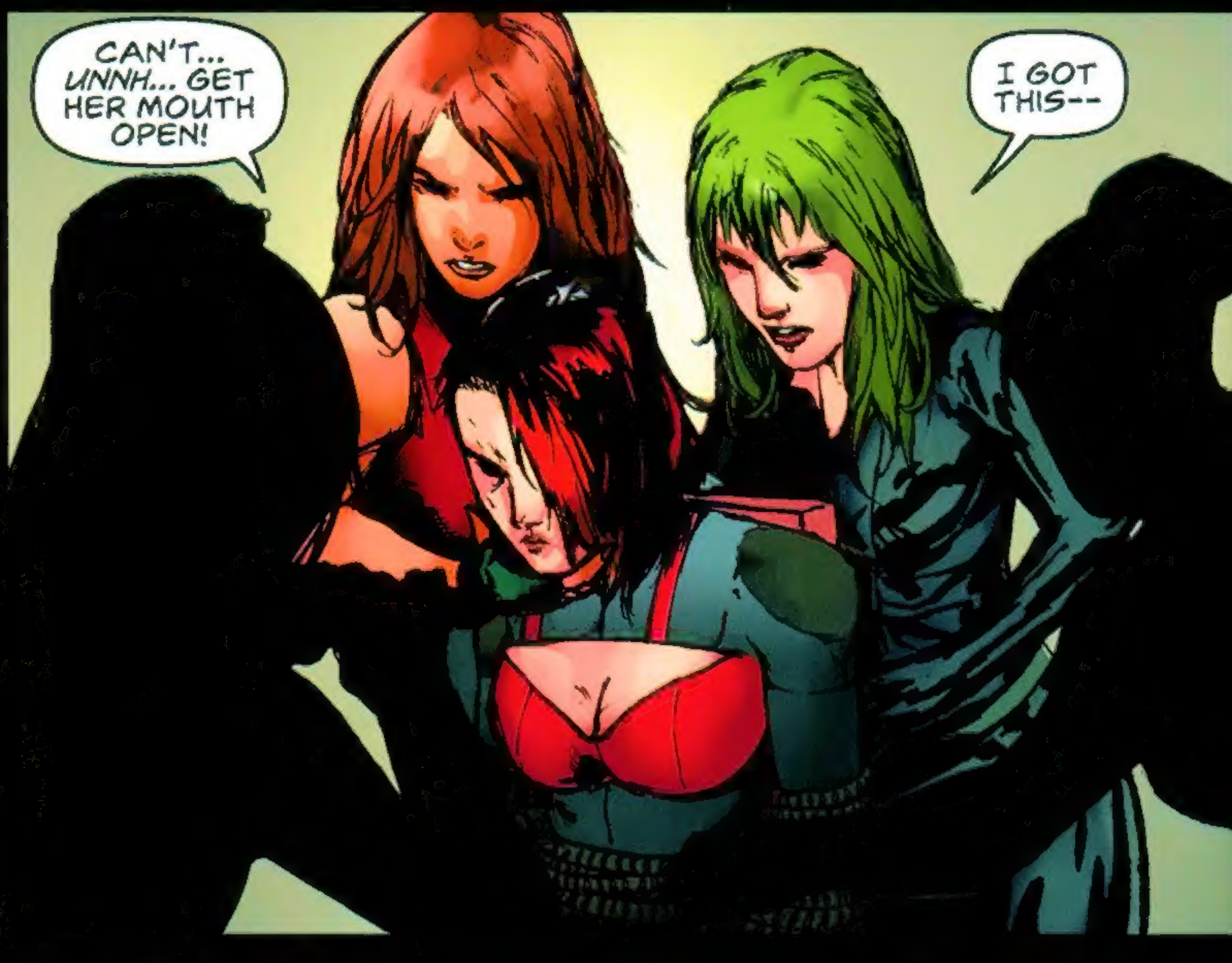


F@*KING BITCHES! ALL OF YOU!

DON'T BE A CRYBABY, ROSE. IT REALLY KILLS YOUR MYSTIQUE. NOW...



...OPEN WIDE.



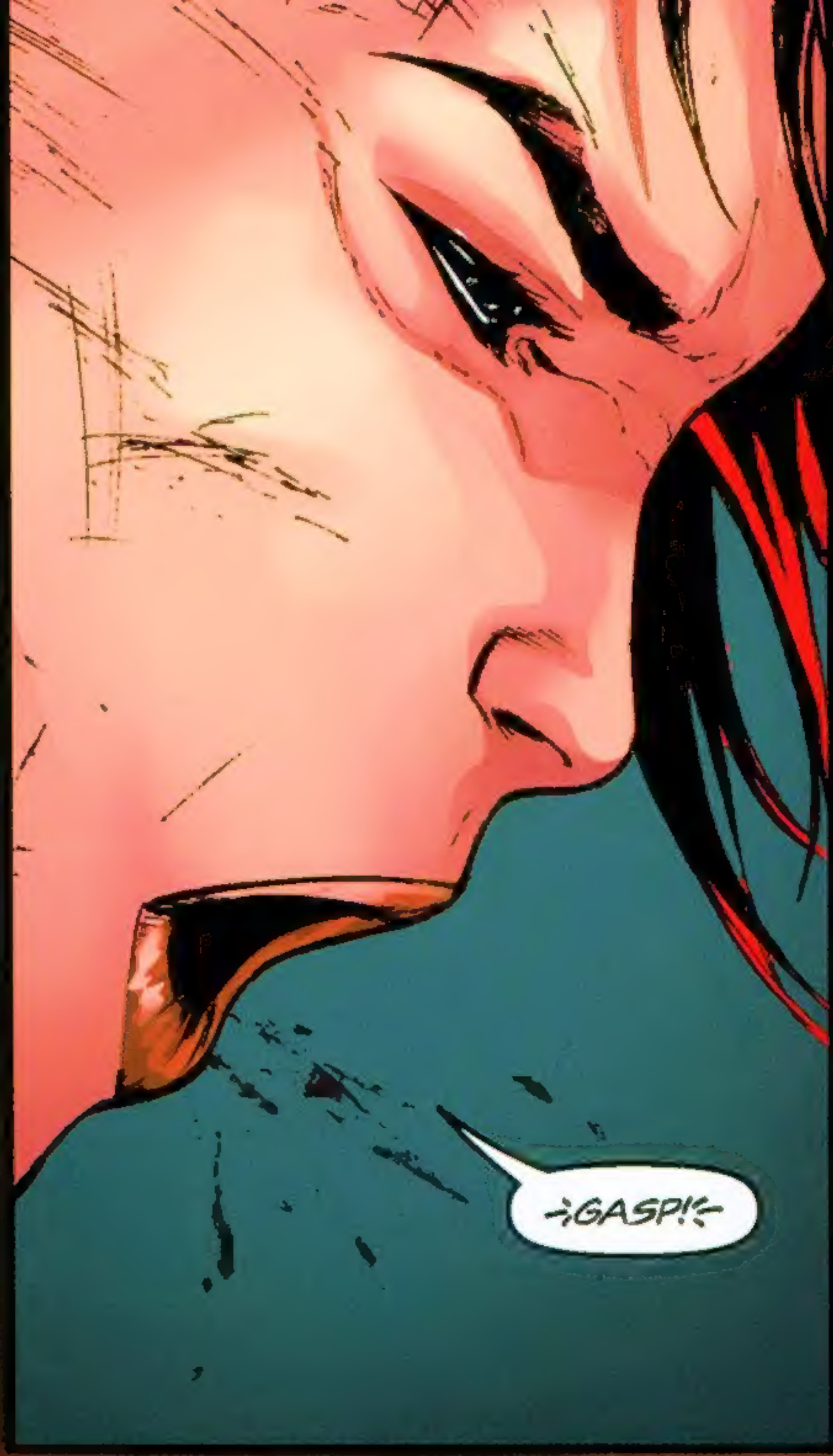
CAN'T... UNNH... GET HER MOUTH OPEN!

I GOT THIS--



--I SAID OPEN!

THUNK



-GASPI-



GOOD GIRL!

GAAAAAK!



LOTUS, THE WATER-- NOW!

ON THE WAY.



RRRGGGGGGHHH!



HE IS NOT WORTH THIS, ROSE. TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW!

GGGHHHHHH!



KABOOOOOM



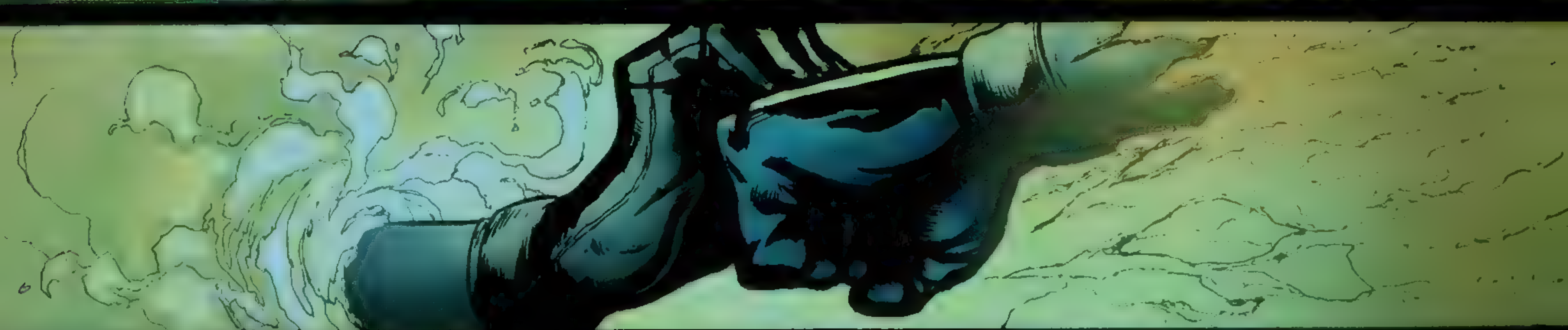




WAIT!
I THINK I
SEE--



--SOMETHING!

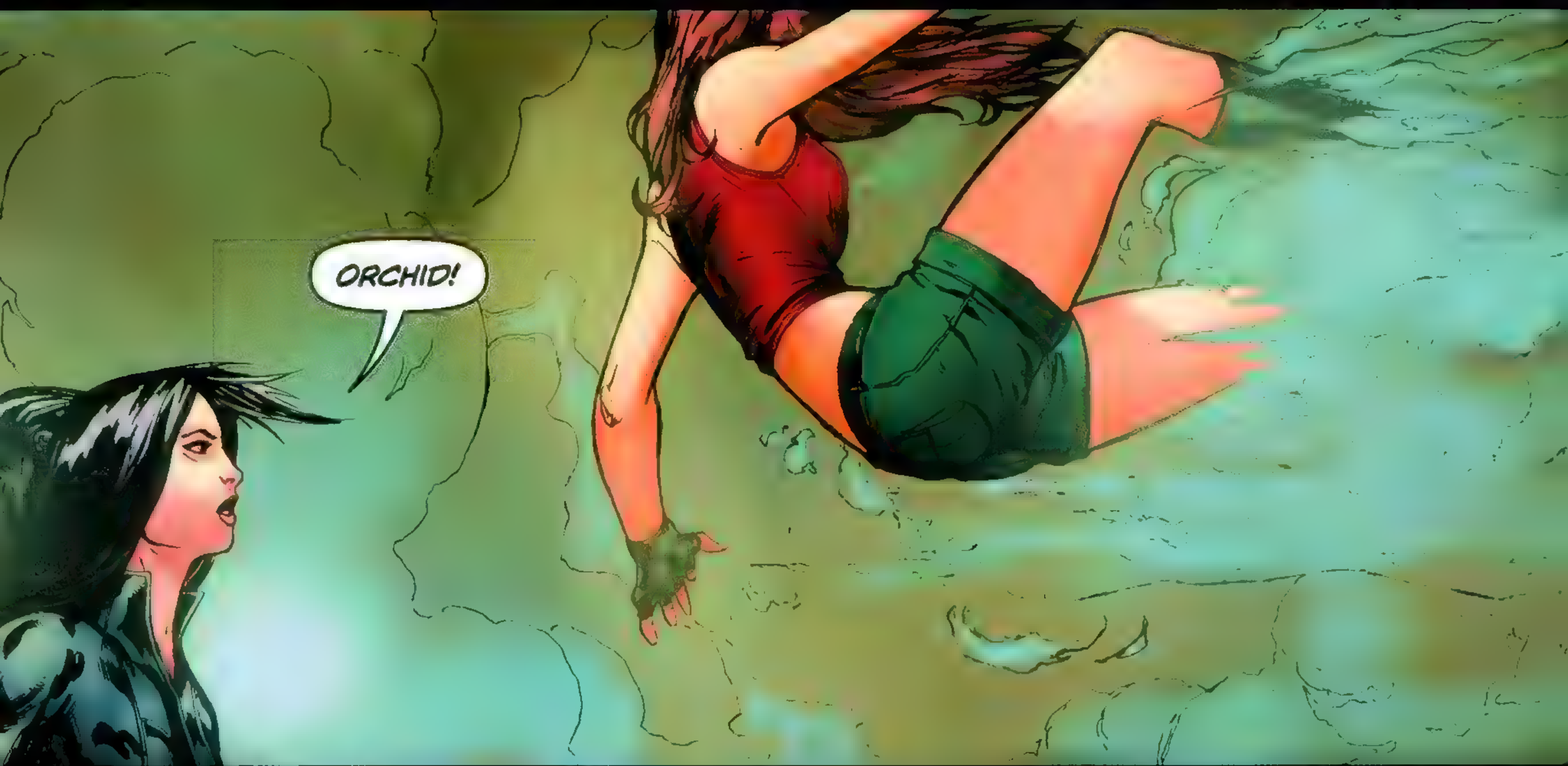


AHHHHHHHH!

CRUNCH



ASTER!!!





...OR I'LL
SHUT YOU UP
MYSELF.



WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I AM LIKE YOU, IRIS...



...AN EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT.



YOU THINK THAT SURPRISES ME? CLEARLY YOU'VE BEEN TRAINED WELL. BUT, WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!



IT'S HER I WANT. THE REST OF YOU I COULD CARE LESS ABOUT. YOU ALL ARE JUST IN MY WAY.

WHOEVER YOU ARE--



--YOU JUST MADE A HUGE MISTAKE. THE ONLY WAY YOU'RE GETTING TO HER IS THROUGH ME.



THE MISTAKE IS ALL YOURS.



TOO SLOW!

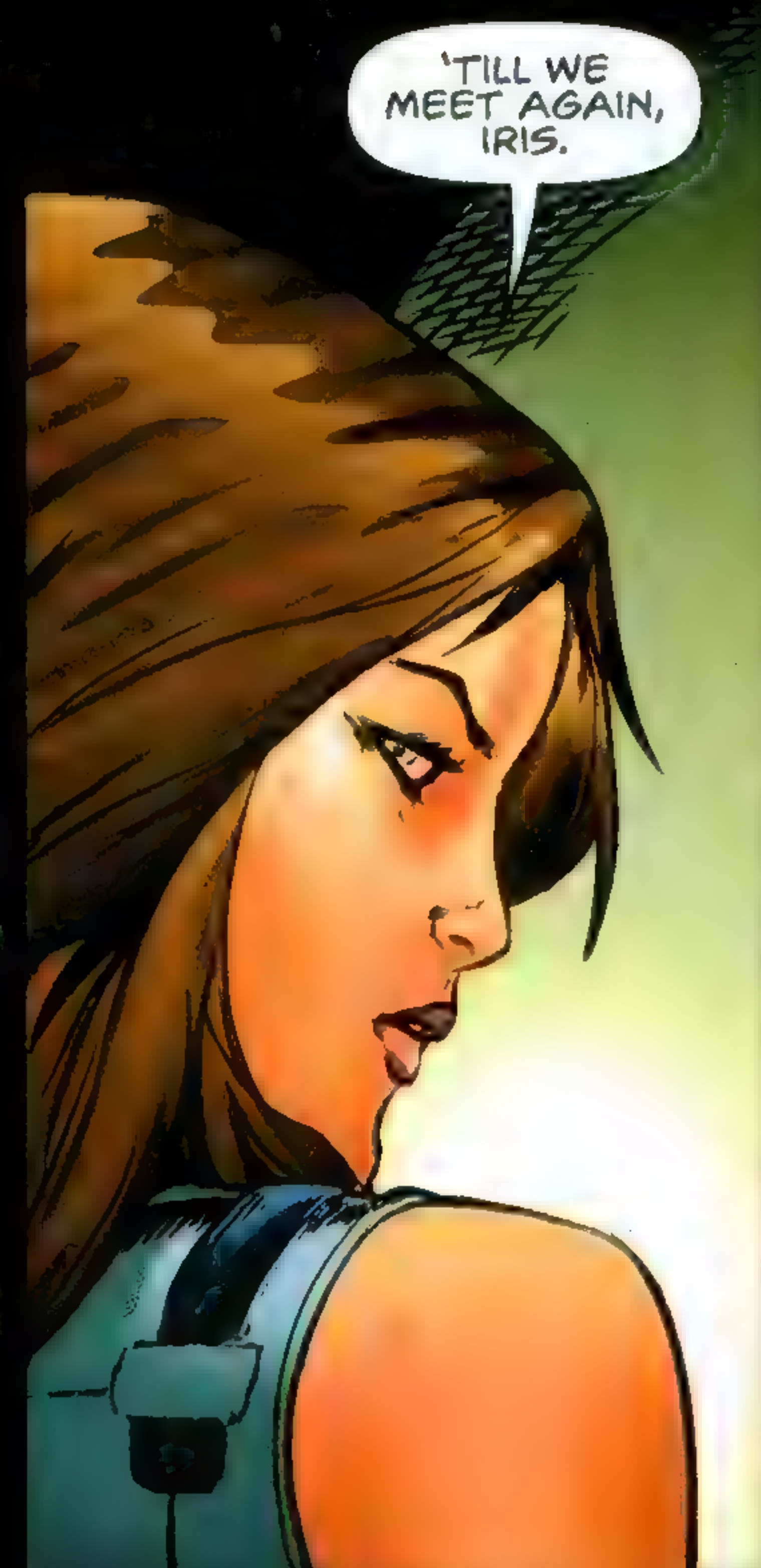
AHHH!

THUNK

CRACK

GIVE IT UP, IRIS. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU HAVE GONE THROUGH. BUT ME, I AM IN MY PRIME.

THUD





TOKYO, JAPAN.

SIR, WE'VE TRIED TO REACH HER ON THE SECURE LINE AND THE AGREED-UPON MESSAGE BOARD--



--ROSE HAS GONE OFF THE GRID.

KEEP TRYING. THESE MISSIONS ARE NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE.



BUT SIR--



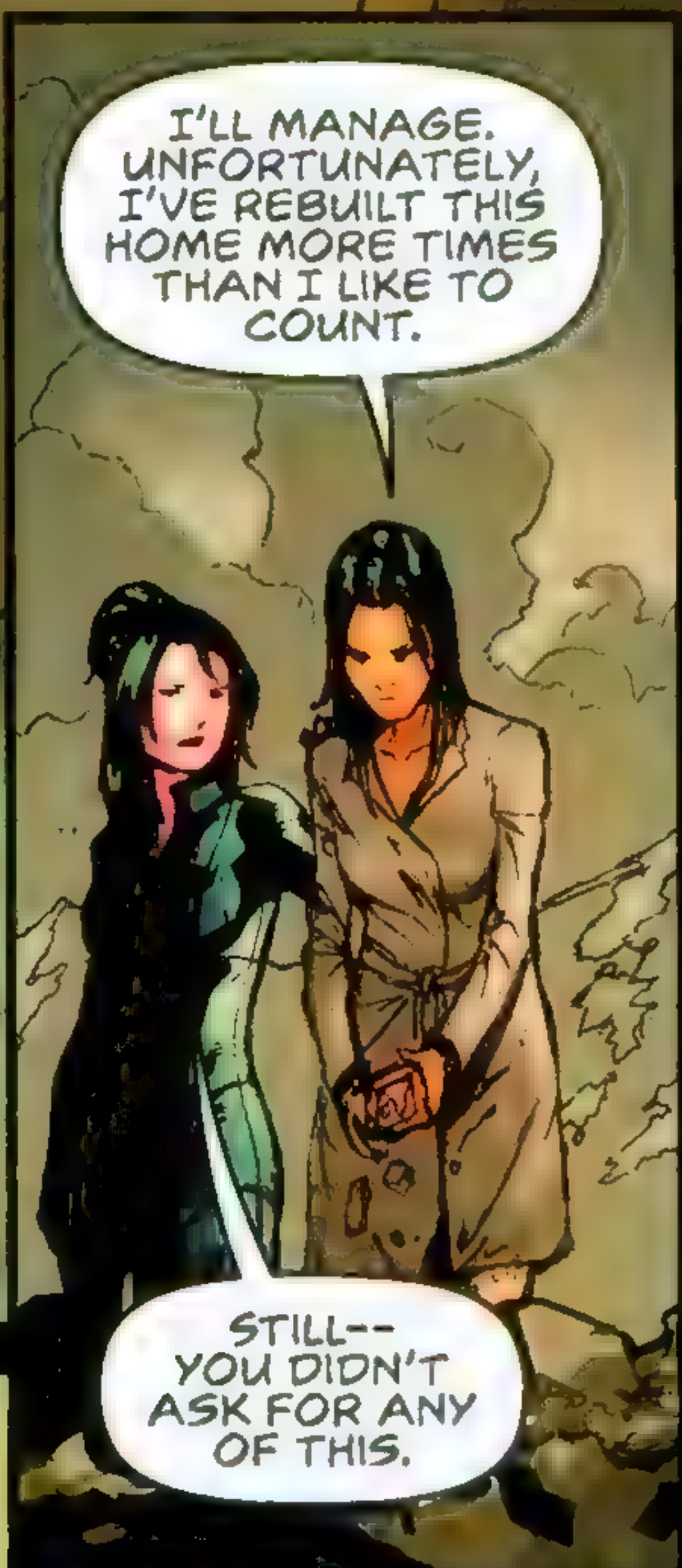
--DID I ASK FOR FEEDBACK?! YOU **KEEP** TRYING UNTIL YOU GET ME A TANGIBLE RESULT! WHETHER IT'S HER VOICE ON THE PHONE OR HER **DEAD BODY** IN THE MORGUE. I DON'T CARE...



...I JUST WANT RESULTS.



HEY,
ARE YOU
OKAY?



I'LL MANAGE.
UNFORTUNATELY,
I'VE REBUILT THIS
HOME MORE TIMES
THAN I LIKE TO
COUNT.

STILL--
YOU DIDN'T
ASK FOR ANY
OF THIS.



DID
ANY OF
US?

IT'S OKAY,
IRIS. THIS-- IS
NOTHING. I HAVE
PLENTY OF WEALTH
TO REBUILD. I'M JUST
GLAD THE TIGER
WASN'T HURT
BADLY.

THE REAL
QUESTION IS, IF THAT
STRANGER WANTED
ROSE, AND DIDN'T KILL
US ALL-- THEN WHO
EXACTLY DOES SHE
WORK FOR?



IS IT
BROKEN?

I'M
AFRAID
SO.

OUCH.

IT PAINS,
BUT NOT
AS MUCH AS
THAT BITCH
IS GOING
TO FEEL.



SO, WHAT'S
THE PLAN LADIES? I
TRUST YOU'LL FOLLOW
US IN FINDING ROSE
AND HER FRIEND?



I...
I CAN'T,
LILY.



WHAT?

IN CASE
YOU MISSED
IT, WE JUST GOT
OUR ASSES
KICKED.



I UNDERSTAND
THAT, LILY. BUT,
I--



--YOU HAVE
TO GO BACK TO
YOUR AGENCY, IS THAT
IT? JEEZ, IRIS. WHAT'S
HAPPENED TO YOU?
THIS USED TO BE A
NO-BRAINER.



IT'S DIFFERENT
NOW. THIS IS WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN WE GO
OFF AND DO OUR OWN
THING-- DON'T YOU
GET IT? I CAN'T KEEP
DOING THIS, I'M...
SORRY.



WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
LOTUS? WHAT
WILL YOU
DO?



THIS IS MY HOME. I CAN'T LEAVE.

BESIDES, I'M A BIG GIRL. IF MAZUTSU WANTS TO TRY TO TAKE ME OUT AGAIN-- LET HIM TRY HIS BEST.



WELL, THAT'S JUST AWESOME-- WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO GET OUR COLLECTIVE ASSES HANDED TO US WITH NOTHING TO SHOW FOR IT.

LET'S GO, GIRLS.



I'M REALLY SORRY, LILY. TRULY.

IT'S FINE.

I GUESS OUR PATHS HAVE NEVER REALLY RUN PARALLEL, AM I RIGHT?

YEAH.



HEY--



--IF YOU DO FIND ROSE, MAKE SURE TO MAKE HER PAY-- FOR ME.

SURE THING, IRIS. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF, OKAY?



NEW DELHI, INDIA.

SO, ARE YOU GONNA TELL ME JUST WHO THE HELL YOU ARE AND WHY YOU SAVED MY ASS BACK THERE?



DO NOT WORRY, I AM NOT GOING TO KILL YOU IF THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE THINKING.

CLEARLY.



BUT, I'M STILL YOUR PRISONER?

IT IS PRECAUTIONARY.

YOU ARE AN ASSASSIN, AFTER ALL.

I WOULDN'T WORRY. BESIDES THE FACT YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE, I USUALLY NEED TO KNOW WHO IT IS THAT I'M GOING AFTER.

YOU? I HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU ARE.

MY NAME IS IVY.

I USED TO DO WHAT YOU DO, BUT NOW... NOW I WORK FREELANCE.

AND WHAT PART OF YOUR WORK INVOLVES ME, EXACTLY?





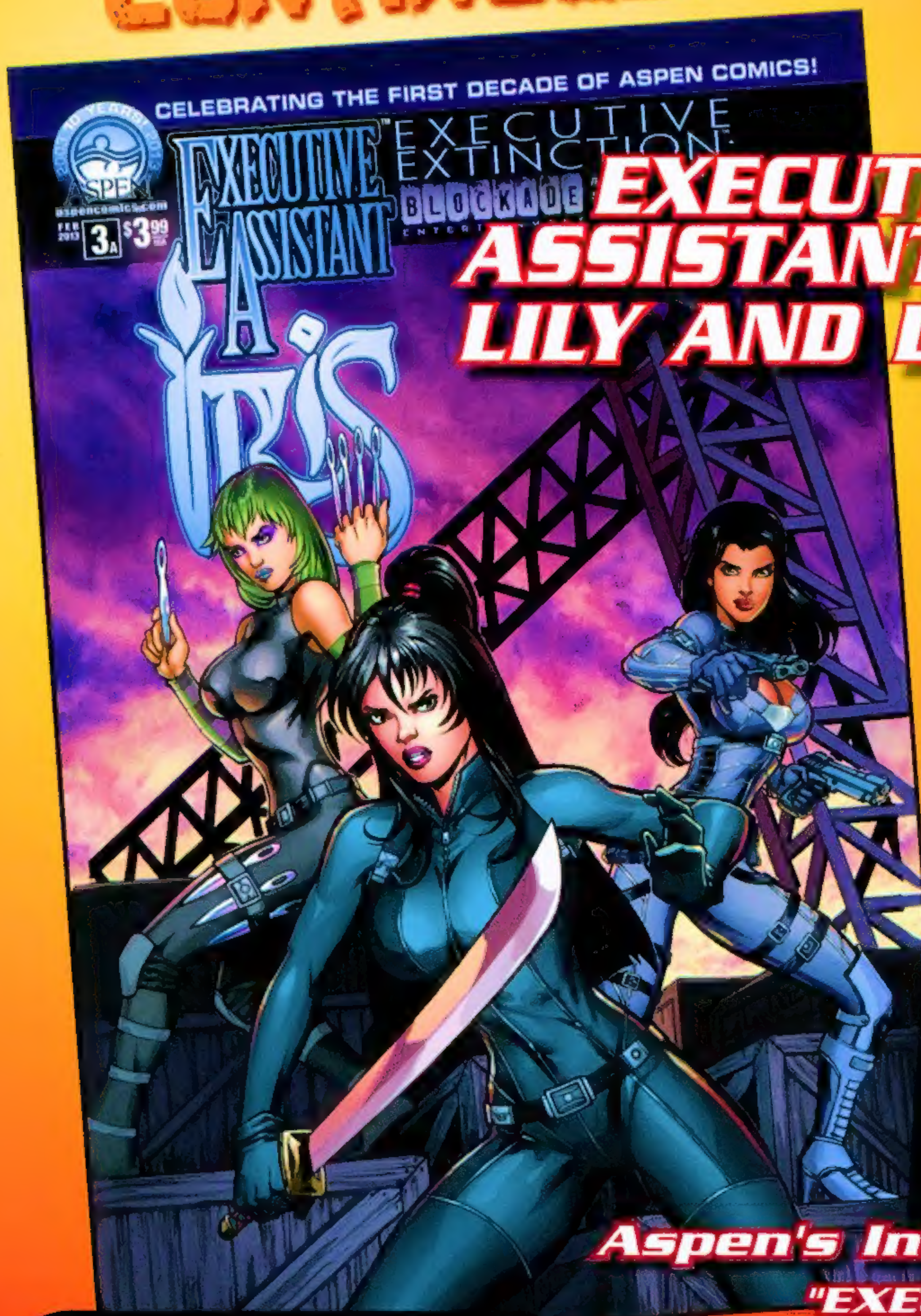
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COVER!!!

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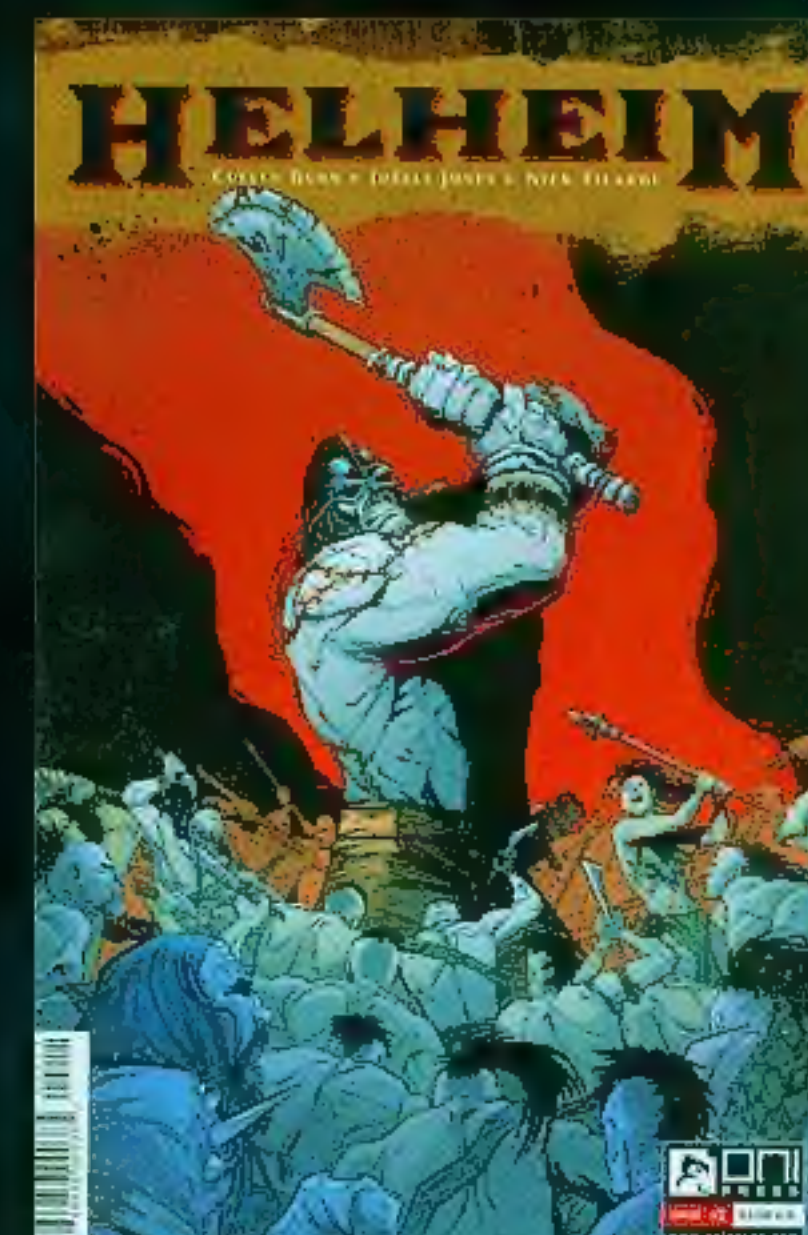
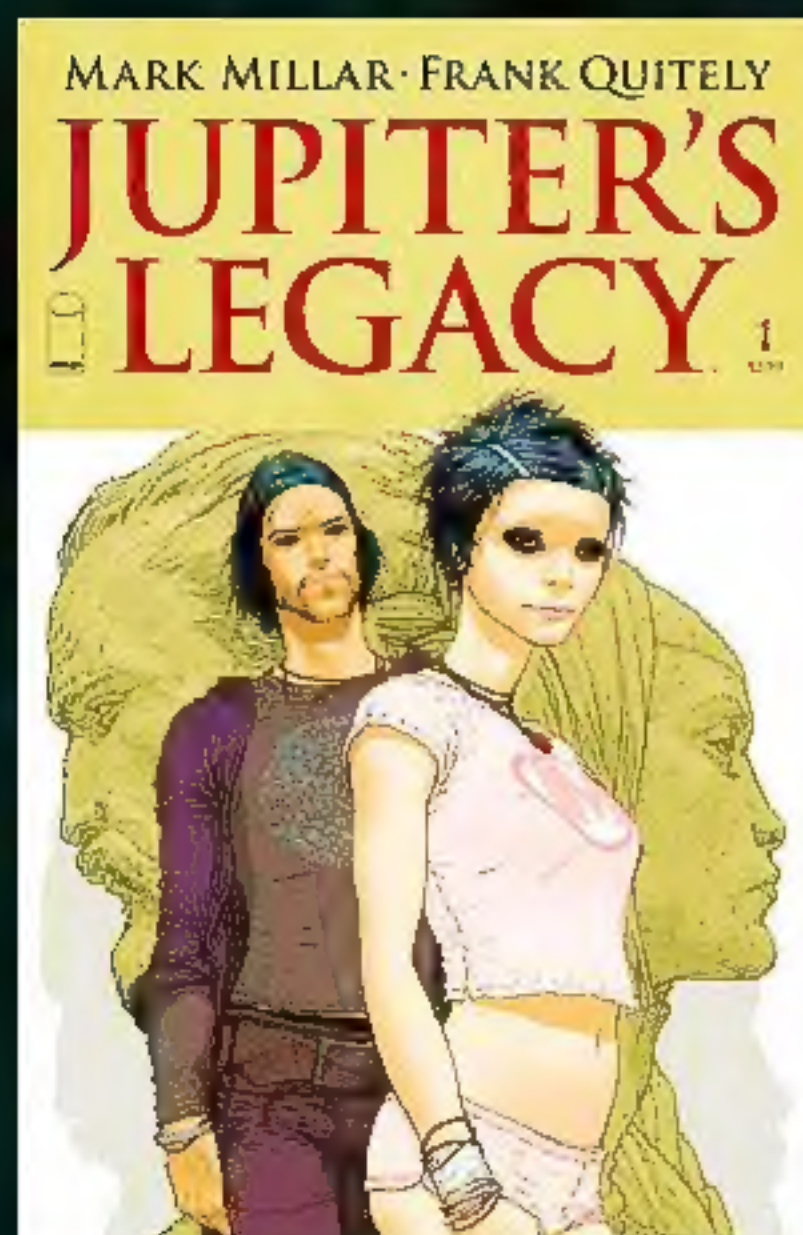
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